

Men's Bible Fellowship

Proverbs 25

1. Read Proverbs 25:2. What are some examples of matters or concepts that God has not revealed to us, even in scripture? Why do you think that He has chosen to not reveal these things? (See Isaiah 55:8-9.) This verse also refers to the responsibility of kings to look into matters that *had* been revealed. Read Deuteronomy 29:29. How does this verse speak to the Lord's expectation for *us* regarding the things which He has revealed? (See 2 Tim 3:16-17, John 14:15.) How does the Lord reveal matters to us now, and how does He expect us to "search out" these things? (See 1 Corinthians 2:10, John 16:13.) Can you share about a time that you asked the Lord about something and He did reveal it to you? Have you ever asked the Lord about something and He *didn't* answer? If He doesn't reveal these matters to us right away, what does He expect us to do? (See Micah 7:7, Matthew 7:7-8, Psalm 130:5.)
2. Read Proverbs 25:6-7. What are these verses talking about? What can motivate us to self-promote? What does God have to say about pride? (Proverbs 16:5) Now read Luke 14:7-11. Why did Jesus use this parable? What does Jesus ask of us if we are His disciples? (See Philippians 2:3, Romans 12:3.) Does this proverb say that it is wrong to receive recognition or advancement for the work that we have done? How would the Lord want us to attain advancement or recognition? (See Proverbs 27:2, James 4:10, Matthew 25:23.)
3. Read Proverbs 25:11-12. What would you consider a "fitly spoken" word? What types of communication can be meant here? (See Hebrews 3:13, Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 12:25.) How can we ensure our words will be "fitly spoken"? (See Romans 8:5, John 14:16-17, Galatians 5:25.) Has the Lord ever given you the right words to say to someone, or have you ever received a "fitly spoken" word? How did it make you feel?
4. Read Proverbs 25:28. What do you think is meant by having no rule over one's spirit? What did the walls do for a city in biblical times? If self-control is our "walls", what do they keep *in* and what do they keep *out*? (See Colossians 3:8, James 1:20, Ephesians 4:31, 1 Peter 5:8.) Who builds these walls for us? (See Galatians 5:22-23, Romans 13:13-14.) How do we ensure our "walls" stay strong? (See Galatians 5:16, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.)